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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES: QUESTION ★117 FOR ORAL REPLY

A draft reply to the above mentioned question asked by Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) is attached for your consideration.

ACTING DIRECTOR-GENERAL

DATE: 16/04/2018

DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED

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MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

DATE: 20/04/2018

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PROVINCES ORAL REPLY

QUESTION NO ★117

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★117. Ms T J Mokwele (North West: EFF) to ask the Minister of Water and Sanitation:

- (1) What progress has his department made in meeting the target that was set to remove 22 085 bucket toilets in the Free State by June 2018 (details furnished);
- (2) Whether his department will achieve the goal it set itself for June 2018; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

THE MINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- (1) To date, our Department has eradicated 19 074 buckets in the Free State.
- (2) No, our Department will not achieve the set target of completing the bucket eradication by June 2018.

Although all structures have been put up, in some Local Municipalities the department experienced hard rocky soil conditions. Our Department will be implementing the bulk infrastructure upgrading in most affected municipalities including amongst others; outfall sewers, pump stations and in other drought stricken areas grey water package plants to spare the little water resource that exists.

It is anticipated that the Bucket Eradication Programme will be concluded by the end of the 2018/ 2019 financial year.